



## BIOGRAPHY

**Mr. Ronald Johnson**

***Chief of the NASA Ames Research Center Systems Management Office (SMO)***  
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### **Biography:**

Ronald Johnson has been Chief of the NASA Ames Research Center Systems Management Office (SMO) since its inception in 1999. Previously he was Branch Chief of the Aeronautical Facilities Branch managing engineering and maintenance of several large high speed and subsonic wind tunnels. He was the deputy Project Manager of the Unitary Plan Wind Tunnel Modernization Project that resulted in significantly improved productivity, reliability, and aerodynamic flow quality to transonic and supersonic tunnels. He received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and is a registered professional engineer in the state of California.

**Ms. Claire Smith**

***Deputy Program Manager***  
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### **Biography:**

Since 1998, Ms. Smith has served as the senior training and development specialist, Human Resources Development Branch, at NASA Ames Research Center, where she has been primarily responsible for designing, developing and implementing learning and development programs serving the needs of the Ames' project practitioner community. In 2003, Ms. Smith formed a collaborative partnership with The Ames Systems Management Office (SMO) to initiate, design and implement The APEX\* (***Ames Project EXcellence***) Development Program for project managers and systems engineers. Prior to coming to Ames, Ms. Smith served as a learning and development expert-consultant to California's Silicon Valley industries, as well as national and international public institutions. She graduated from Bloomsburg University, Pennsylvania, with a B.A. in 1970.